श्री एस॰एस॰ अहलुवालिया: यह संसद की प्रणाली पर और संसदीय परम्पराओं पर कुठाराघात हुआ है। ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री शरद यादव: इसमें 5 मिनट से ज्यादा कोई समय नहीं लगने वाला है। हमारी बेचैनी है कि इस सवाल को आप अभी लें। ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति: माननीय सदस्य, वह आज लिस्टिड है। ऐसा नहीं है कि वह आज आने वाला नहीं है। एक घंटे बाद आ जाएगा, क्वेश्चन ऑवर के बाद, क्योंकि वह लिस्टिड है। ऐसा नहीं है कि लिस्ट नहीं हुआ है। ऐसी स्थिति में क्वेश्चन ऑवर खत्म होते ही वह सब आ जाएगा, एक मिनट में। ...(व्यवधान)...

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Sir, if the Ethics Committee has given the Report, what is the harm in placing it in the House before the Question Hour? ...(*Interuptions*)...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): The matter is before the Ethics Committee. What discussion you would like to have in the House? ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: It is a question of the dignity of the House. ...(*Interruptions*)...

REFERENCE BY THE CHAIR

Fourth anniversary of terrorist attack on parliament house building on 13th december, 2001

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, today is the fourth anniversary of the terrorist attack on the Parliament House building.

This House recalls the Supreme sacrifice of our security personnel on this day four years ago in successfully preventing the entry of terrorists into the Parliament House. Eight of our security personnel laid down their lives in protecting this temple of democracy. They comprised two of the Rajya Sabha Secretariat Watch and Ward Staff, five Delhi Police personnel and one woman Constable of the Central Reserve Police Force. One Gardener of the C.P.W.D. also lost his life.

On this occasion, we express our firm resolve to fight the acts of terrorism with determination. We will not allow terrorism to impede our development.

I request Members to rise in their places and observe silence as a mark of respect to the memory of those who lost their lives in this tragedy.

(Hon. Members then stood in silence for one minute)

श्री एस॰ एस॰ अहलुवालिया (झारखंड): माननीय सभापति महोदय, अभी-अभी हम लोगों ने श्रद्धांजलि अर्पित की है, उन शहीदों को, जिन्होंने पार्लियामेंट की सुरक्षा की। पर आज समाचार पत्रों में निकला है कि अभी तक उनकी विधवाओं को कम्पेनसेशन नहीं मिला है। अगर उनको कम्पेनसेशन नहीं मिला है, तो वह तुरन्त दिया जाये और उनके परिवार की सुरक्षा तथा उनके परिवार की पढ़ाई-लिखाई का जो खर्चा वहन करने की बात उस वक्त कही गई थी, उसको पूरा किया जाये।

श्री बलबीर के॰ पुंज (उत्तर प्रदेश): चेयरमैन सर, इसमें सरकार की तरफ से जो ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति: मैं बताता हूं। मैं समझता हूं कि सरकार की तरफ से इसका उत्तर आज मिलना चाहिए, संभव हो तो। कम्पेनसेशन जो अब तक नहीं दिया गया है, उसको देने की किस प्रकार की व्यवस्था की गई है और नहीं दिया गया है, तो क्यों नहीं दिया गया है?

कार्मिक लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुरेश पचौरी): सभापति महोदय, आपने जो निर्देश दिया है, उससे मैं संबंधित मंत्री जी को अवगत करा दूंगा और उनसे यह भी कहूंगा कि वह यह भी जरा देख लें कि पूर्व सरकार के दौरान, जबकि यह घटना उस कार्यकाल में हुई थी, क्या कारण थे कि उस समय कम्पेनसेशन नहीं मिल पाया और आज क्या कारण है कि अभी तक नहीं मिल पाया है। दोनों चीजों की वस्तुस्थिति से माननीय मंत्री जी अवगत करा देंगे।

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

*281. [The questioner (Shri Pramod Mahajan) was absent. For answer *vide* page 30 *infra*]

Tapping of PSU deposits

*282. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to relax the condition enabling foreign banks to tap the Public Sector Undertakings deposits; and

(b) if so, by when it will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) No proposal to relax the conditions enabling foreign banks to tap the PSU deposits is under consideration of the Government.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Government took a decision to give finacial autonomy to the public sector undertakings in this country. There are some oil companies which were having surplus funds, which they would like to invest. Earlier, restrictions were imposed. Now, a lot of foreign banks are operating in our country with the permission of the Reserve Bank of India. I am not vouchsafing or even supporting that foreign banks alone should be chosen for deposits by the public sector undertakings. When we give financial autonomy and flexibility in functioning to these public sector undertakings and also financing their resources, why is the Government of India not considering investments by the public sector undertakings in foreign banks in order to get more returns on their investments?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, this restriction is not imposed by the Reserve Bank of India. This restriction is imposed by the Government. Therefore, whether this restriction should be relaxed to the public sector undertakings is a matter for the Government to consider. I shall certainly pass on the Member's suggestion to the concerned Ministry.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Sir, my second suplementary is ...(*Interruptions*)... Sir, the Finance Ministry is also part of the Government and the hon. Minister is representing in the Cabinet and he also sits in the Cabinet meetings. I agree that it is a policy matter. I would like to know whether the Minister would not only 'pass on', but also he takes initiative. I would like to submit this because when you say 'financial autonomy and flexibility', why do not you consider this? Just do not pass on the buck, the entire spectrum to the Cabinet or even the Central Government. I want a categorical answer from the hon. Finance Minister.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I am not passing the buck to my colleague, I am passing the suggestion to my colleague.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Sir, on the first supplementary no reply has come. I would like to put the second supplementary. ...(*Interruptions*)...

It is a genuine question. When you want the public sector autonomy, it should be full autonomy for the public sector. I oppose giving partial